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Subject: Re: Nursing Student COVID-19 Initiative

Dear Colleagues: Dr. Ted Delbridge with Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIESS) reached out to the Maryland Board of Nursing (MBON) regarding the delegation of duties; below is Karen Evans, Director of the MBON’s response.

*RNs and LPNs may delegate nursing tasks to unlicensed individuals, in accordance with the requirements under COMAR 10.27.11.01-.06, for the duration of the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency.  The Board will suspend the effect of Health Occ., § 8-6A-02(c) and COMAR 10.27.11.01.G and 10.27.11.05.E, which prohibit delegation of nursing tasks to an unlicensed individual if acceptance of delegated nursing tasks becomes a routine part of the unlicensed individual’s job duties, until the state of emergency is terminated and the catastrophic health emergency is rescinded.*

*MBON Guidance says: RNs and LPNs may delegate nursing tasks to unlicensed individuals as a routine part of the unlicensed individual's job duties during the state of emergency.  The delegating nurse must comply with all other limitations regarding delegation under COMAR 10.27.11.01-.06, other than the provisions that are specifically suspended by the Board's action.*

Please let us know if you have any additional questions.

Thank you,

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